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The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

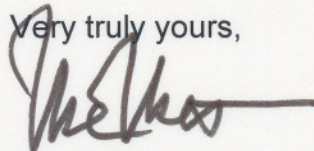
Recently, portions of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District were impacted by severe storms. High winds, hail, tornados, flooding and flash-flooding destroyed property and lives in a number of counties in my district, killing at least seven people throughout the state.

It has come to my attention that the Governor of Missouri has requested federal disaster declarations for several counties in the state, including eight in the Fourth District. During emergencies, citizens expect the government to provide assistance and readily deploy critical services.

So that Missourians can promptly begin to restore their property and rebuild their lives, I urge you to expedite the Governor's request and immediately declare a federal disaster for storm ravaged Missouri counties.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,



IKE SKELTON
Member of Congress

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